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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CVIS AND ASEC
SUBJECT: COMBATTING NOV FRAUD: INSTALLATION OF FIVE DIGIT CODE

REF: STATE 307103

1. FIVE DIGIT CODE OUTLINED REFTTEL IS SUPERIOR TO THAT PROPOSED BY CONGEN. WHAT CONCERNS US IS THAT ISSUED NIV, WITH DEPT'S SUGGESTED SYSTEM, WOULD HAVE TO BE RETURNED TO CONOFF AFTER ISSUANCE FOR FURTHER ACTION. THIS IS ONLY PROBLEM WE FORESEE. OUR WAITING AREA IN CONSULAR SECTION IS SMALL AND WE WANT TO GET NIV APPLICANTS IN AND OUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. ADVANTAGE TO OUR CODE PROPOSAL WAS THAT IT WAS MECHANICAL, FULLY UTILIZING TIME SAVING FACTOR OF FACSIMILE CONOFF SIGNATURE.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO USE DEPT'S SUGGESTED FIVE DIGIT CODE WITH FOLLOWING MODIFICATION. WHEN INTERVIEWING CONOFF APPROVES NIV ISSUANCE, HE WILL WRITE CODE ON TOP OF FORM FS-257 ALONG WITH OTHER ENTRIES, SUCH AS LENGTH OF VALIDITY. PASSPORT AND FORM FS-257 WOULD THEN BE PASSED TO FSL CLERK, WHO WOULD STAMP NIV INTO PASSPORT, FILL NIV AND THEN WRITE CODE AT BOTTOM OF NIV. THIS MODIFICATION WOULD ALLOW ISSUED NOV TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO WAITING APPLICANT WITHOUT HAVING CONOFF TAKE FURTHER ACTION.
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3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HAVING FSL CLERK WRITE CODE NUMBERS ON BOTTOM NIV WILL COMPROMISE SYSTEM SINCE CLERK WILL BE COPYING EXACT NUMBERS WRITTEN BY CONOFF ON FORM FS-257. EVEN IF NUMBERS WERE PHYSICALLY WRITTEN BY CONOFF ON NIV AFTER ISSUANCE, NIV CLERKS WOULD BE AWARE THAT CODE SYSTEM

BEING USED SINCE ISSUED NOVS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO APPLICANTS BY
FLS CLERKS. ALSO PASSPORTS ARE SEEN AGAIN SUBSEQUENTLY
BY FSL STAFF FOR VISA TRANSFER OR OTHER REASONS.

4. REQUEST DEPT'S APPROVAL FOR THIS MODIFICATION. HOWEVER, IF
DEPT BELIEVES IT BETTER THAT CONOFF WRITE NUMBERS, CONOFF
WILL DO IT. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST DEPT INFORM I S THAT CODE
SYSTEMOUTLINED REFTL WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY CONGEN EFFECTIVE
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